

26. (not amended) A distribution system as claimed in claim 19, wherein the DVB interface unit includes means for accessing conditional access data from the DVB signals.

27. (not amended) A distribution system as claimed in claim 26, wherein the conditional access data includes content description data for the video channels and entitlement data for the subscribers.

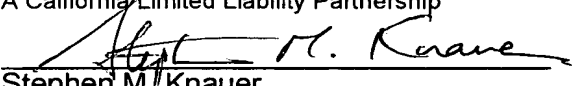
28. (not amended) A distribution system as claimed in claim 27, wherein said access system includes a control unit for storing the conditional access data and controlling switching of the channels by subscribers in accordance with the stored conditional access data.

Remarks

Claims 4, 5, 13, 18, and 23 are being amended to be more in line with U.S. practice. In order to further expedite prosecution of the Application, the Examiner is invited to call Stephen M. Knauer at 415-781-1989 to address any concerns that the Examiner may have.

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